

## **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY CAREERS AND TRAINING** <sup>^top</sup>

**Navy Personnel Command and Bureau of Naval Personnel** – Central location to find information about Navy assignments, board selections, career opportunities, BUPERS access and pay and benefits information.

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/channels>

**Department of the Navy – Civilian Human Resources**

<http://www.donhr.navy.mil/>

**Navy Knowledge Online** – This site is designed to provide sailors with access to training information, including instructional materials, best practices, and subject matter expertise for specific ratings and leadership roles.

<https://wwwa.nko.navy.mil/portal/splash/index.jsp>

**United Services Military Apprenticeship Program** – Information about a formal military training program that provides active duty Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty

<https://usmap.cnet.navy.mil/usmapss/static/usmap.jsp>

**Department of the Air Force – Air Force Personnel Center**

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

**Department of the Army – Army Civilian Personnel Online**

<http://www.cpol.army.mil/>

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS** <sup>^top</sup>

**Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**

<http://www.va.gov/>

**National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs** – Links to state specific resources and organizations for veterans.

<http://www.nasdva.com/>

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**VA Education Benefits** – Information on the GI Bill, Tuition Assistance, and all of the VA's educational benefits programs.

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/benefits.htm>

**Troops to Teachers** – Troops to Teachers is a U.S. Department of Education and Department of Defense program that helps eligible military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools

<http://www.proudtoserveagain.com/>

**Veterans Upward Bound** – Information about this free U.S. Department of Education program designed to help eligible U.S. military veterans refresh their academic skills so that they can

successfully complete the post-secondary school of their choosing.

<http://www.veteransupwardbound.org/vetub.html>

**VA Licensing & Certification Benefit** – Reimbursement program for approved licensing and certification tests.

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/education/LCweb.htm>

## **VETERANS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS** <sup>^</sup>[top](#)

**Veterans Employment & Training Service (VETS)** – This Department of Labor program is designed to provide veterans with the resources and services to succeed in the 21st century workforce by maximizing their employment opportunities, protecting their employment rights and meeting labor-market demands with qualified veterans.

<http://www.umet-vets.dol.gov/vets/>

**The Department of Defense Job Search** – This site is an associate web site of the US Department of Labor's America's Job Bank. The web site is designed to assist separating Service members in their job search by providing an entry to America's Job Bank. This site, and America's Job Bank, are operated and maintained by the Department of Labor.

<http://dod.jobsearch.org/>

**DoD Transportal Site** – This site is designed specifically to assist Service members leaving active duty. Included are tips on using the Internet in the job search, links to corporate recruiting websites, and links to major career search websites.

<http://www.dodtransportal.dod.mil/dav/lsnmedia/LSN/dodtransportal/>

**Transition Bulletin Board** – Sponsored by the Department of Defense, Operation Transition provides the Transition Bulletin Board (TBB), an automated system which contains a listing of job want ads and other useful information to separating/retiring military and federal civilian personnel and their spouses.

<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/ot/>

**VetsInfo Guide - Civil Service Employment & Veterans** – This site explains how the Federal employment system works and how Veterans' preference and the special appointing authorities operate within that system. The handbook was designed to help veterans understand the entitlements they have earned.

<http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html/vetsinfo.asp>

**Veterans' Preference Advisor** – This site allows Veterans to examine the preferences for which they might be entitled with regard to Federal jobs.

<http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vetspref.htm>

## **Reference Guide to Post-Government Service Employment Activities of DON Personnel**

<http://www.nosc.mil/counsel/docs/ref.htm>

## **VETERAN JOB PLACEMENT RESOURCES** <sup>^</sup>[top](#)

**Bradley Morris, Inc.** – Bradley-Morris specializes in placing military officers and enlisted candidates with management and technical expertise into major corporations throughout the country. <http://www.bradley-morris.com/>

**Military Advantage** – Large clearinghouse for information specifically for people with a military affiliation, including employment resources and job information.  
<http://www.military.com/>

**Lucas Group** – The Lucas Group is a professional recruiting and placement service. In addition, a section of their company called Lucas Group Military, has facilitated successful placements for service members for over 35 years.  
<http://www.lucasgroup.com/military/>

**Orion International** – Orion is a large military recruiting firm with offices located in San Diego, Austin, Nashville, Cincinnati, Syracuse, Jacksonville, Virginia Beach, and Raleigh. Orion is operated and run by former military members.  
<http://www.orion-careernetwork.com/>

**USA Placements** – USA Placements is a professional recruiting firm that specializes in placing candidates with military experience into management, technical and engineering positions.  
<http://www.usaplacements.com/>

**VetJobs.com** – This site is directed toward not only the transitioning military member, but also the highly qualified men and women who are veterans that have separated over the last several decades. The group's goal is to provide the tools necessary to make job searching easier for veterans and to assist employers in translating military experiences into civilian equivalents.  
<http://www.vetjobs.com>

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**IPEDS College Opportunities On-Line** – Search for colleges by type of institution, location, and educational programs.  
<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>

**Internship Search Engine** – This internship search engine by Wetfeet.com searches by location and career field.  
<http://wetfeet.internshipprograms.com/>

**Bureau of Apprenticeship & Training** – Department of Labor resource for learning about apprenticeship opportunities.  
[http://www.doleta.gov/atels\\_bat/](http://www.doleta.gov/atels_bat/)

**Scholarships** – Free sources for local, national and college-specific scholarships.  
<http://fastweb.monster.com/>  
<http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp>

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**Office of Personnel Management** – Search engine for all federal government employment opportunities

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

**Department of Defense - Civilians Working for National Defense** – Information about civilian employment, applying for positions as a veteran, salary and benefits, and the DOD job search engine.

<http://www.go-defense.com/index.htm>

**U.S. Department of State** – Employment and information site about civil service and Foreign Service opportunities as well as links to information about other international employment agencies.

<http://www.state.gov/employment/>

## **CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT** <sup>^</sup>[top](#)

**Occupational Outlook Handbook** – This handbook describes what workers do on the job, working conditions, the training and education needed, earnings, and expected job prospects in a wide range of occupations.

<http://www.stats.bls.gov/oco/>

**Career OneStop** – A large collection of free employment and career resources on the Internet

<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

**Wall Street Journal's Career Journal** – This site for executives, managers and professionals contains a wealth of information on all aspects of job hunting and career management.

<http://www.careerjournal.com/>

**What Color Is Your Parachute?** – A collection of information and resources for career changers and extensive resources to guide you in doing part of the job-hunt on the Internet.

<http://www.jobhuntersbible.com>

**Hot Jobs** – Allows users to search jobs by keyword, location, job category or a combination of the three options.

<http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/>

**Monster Board** – This site allows users to search for jobs, post a resume, seek career advice and find networking opportunities.

<http://www.monster.com/>

**Careerbuilder.com** – This site consolidates newspapers classifieds to create a large resource for the job search process.

<http://www.careerbuilder.com/>

**True Careers** – A career site bringing educated, diverse candidates and the companies that value them together.

<http://www.truecareers.com>

**Freelance and Contract Employment** – Sologig.com was established to bring together freelancers, consultants and independent professionals with employers from across the United States. <http://www.sologig.com/>

**Freelance Jobs** – Guru.com is a large online marketplace for freelance talent. Through this free service, employers find top freelance and contract talent locally, nationally, or globally. Guru.com's connects businesses with over 492,000 freelancers who specialize in over 160 professional categories including: website design, programming, graphic design, business consulting, and administrative support. Professionals seeking work either register as a free (Basic) member or a subscribing (Guru) member.  
<http://www.guru.com/>

## **OWNING YOUR OWN BUSINESS/CONSULTING** <sup>^</sup>[top](#)

**The National Veterans Business Development Corporation** – The Veterans Corporation provides current and prospective Veteran and Service-Disabled Veteran business owners with the tools they need to be successful in business, including access to capital, entrepreneurial education, access to markets, access to services, and business networking.  
<http://www.veteranscorp.org/>

**Small Business Administration** – Over the past 47 years, SBA has grown in terms of total assistance provided and its array of programs tailored to encourage small enterprises in all areas. SBA's programs now include financial and federal contract procurement assistance, management assistance, and counseling to current and prospective small business owners, including specialized outreach to armed forces veterans.  
<http://www.sba.gov/>

**Small Business Counselors** – SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" is a source of free and confidential small business advice to help people build their own business—from idea to start-up to success. The SCORE Association, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneurial education and the formation, growth and success of small businesses nationwide.  
<http://www.score.org/>

## **SALARY INFORMATION** <sup>^</sup>[top](#)

**Salary.com** – Search for salary data by state and career, how cost-of-living affects income, how to ask for a raise, and more.  
<http://www.salary.com>

**JobStar** – Salary surveys, negotiating strategies, and cost-of-living comparisons.  
<http://jobstar.org/tools/salary/index.cfm>

**Paycheckcity.com** – This site includes a variety of self-service calculators and tools to quickly and accurately answer paycheck-related questions such as net pay, withholdings, and how to complete a W-4.  
<http://www.paycheckcity.com/>

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**Unemployment Insurance** – The Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs provide unemployment benefits to eligible workers who become unemployed through no fault of their own, and meet certain other eligibility requirements. This site includes a link with specific information about UI for ex-service members.

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/unemployment-insurance/index.htm>

**MSN Money** – General resource for financial information

<http://moneycentral.msn.com/home.asp>

**Free Credit Report** – An amendment to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the nationwide consumer reporting companies – Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion – to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months. The three nationwide consumer reporting companies have set up a central website, a toll-free telephone number, and a mailing address through which you can order your free annual report. Do not contact the three nationwide consumer reporting companies individually. They are providing free annual credit reports only through [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com). It is the **ONLY** authorized online source for you to get a free credit report under federal law. Some other sites claim to offer "free" credit reports, but may charge you for another product if you accept a "free" report. For more information about the Fair Credit Reporting Act or to get a copy of the Annual Credit Report Request form to submit a request by mail, contact the Federal Trade Commission at:

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/freereports/index.html>

For a free online credit report, go to: <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>

**Credit Reporting Agencies** – These groups allow people to view credit reports and credit scores for a fee. You may also contact them about correcting inaccurate information you find on a report. In addition, there is information about protecting against identity fraud and what to do if you have become a victim.

**Experian** – <http://www.experian.com/>

**Equifax** – <http://www.equifax.com/>

**TransUnion** – <http://www.transunion.com/>

**Insurance Information** – The following sites allow consumers to research and compare the products and prices of a variety of insurance options. Depending on the site, viewers can find information about life, health, long-term care and auto insurance.

**Insurance Quote Services** – <http://iquote.com/>

**QuickQuote** – [www.quickquote.com](http://www.quickquote.com)

**Quotesmith Corporation** – <http://www.insure.com/>

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**Bureau of Labor Statistics** – The Bureau of Labor Statistics is the principal fact-finding agency for the Federal Government. During relocation, this site can be helpful in researching the cost of living and unemployment rates in an area.

<http://www.bls.gov/>

**SITES Military Base Information** – The SITES program provides general relocation guidance such as phone numbers, addresses and email addresses of key personnel, and assistance with planning a PCS move, such as budget, travel, housing options and timeline.

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/sites/index.jsp>

**Sperling's BestPlaces** – This site allows users to learn about cities in preparation for a move, including issues that help make decisions about where to relocate. Users can find a city profile, neighborhood profile, school statistics, cost of living, crime rates and a climate profile. The site includes an option to compare cities in the same or different states.

<http://www.bestplaces.net/>

**Homefair** – Sponsored by the National Association of Realtors, this site can assist with preparing for a move, comparing cities to make decisions about where to relocate, researching a new location, and more. It also includes several calculators for budgeting a move, determining the size of a mortgage for which you may be eligible, and deciding if it is financially better to rent instead of buy a house.

<http://www.homefair.com/>

**Moving** – In addition to providing relocation information specific to more than 1500 cities nationwide, Moving.com enables users to research real estate or rental properties, check out mortgage and insurance quotes, and compare quotes from moving companies or truck rental companies.

<http://www.moving.com/>

## **RETIREMENT RESOURCES** <sup>^</sup>[top](#)

**Retired Pay & Benefits** – Service members who remain on active duty or serve in the Reserves or Guard for a sufficient period of time may retire and receive retired pay. Look here to find descriptions of the different retirement systems to determine for which one you may be eligible. The site also includes calculators to estimate future retirement pay to assist with financial and career decision-making.

<http://www.dod.mil/militarypay/retirement/index.html>

**Survivor Benefit Plan** – Retired pay stops when the service member passes away. The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) helps make up for the loss of part of this income. It pays eligible survivors an inflation-adjusted monthly income. This site provides an overview of this program, its costs and benefits.

<http://www.dod.mil/militarypay/survivor/sbp/index.html>

**Thrift Savings Plan** – TSP is a retirement savings plan for members of the uniformed services and civilians who are employed by the United States Government.

<http://www.tsp.gov/>

**Social Security Administration** – Information about retirement planning, Medicare, disability and survivor benefits.

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

**Ballpark E\$timate** – The Ballpark E\$timate is an easy-to-use, two-page worksheet that helps people quickly identify approximately how much they need to save to fund a comfortable retirement. The Ballpark E\$timate takes complicated issues like projected Social Security benefits and earnings assumptions on savings, and turns them into language and mathematics that are easy to understand.

<http://www.choosetosave.org/ballpark/>

**Tricare** – Central site for all Tricare information including eligibility, benefits, claims and contact information.

<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>

**Tricare Dental** – Learn about retiree dental benefits including eligibility, premium rates, coverage and finding a dentist.

<http://www.ddpdelta.org/>

**The Retired Enlisted Association** – Learn about membership and the activities of this retiree group, including legislative actions, reunions and referrals to support services.

<http://www.trea.org/>

**Military Officers Association of America** – Learn about membership and the activities of this retiree group, including legislative actions, reunions and referrals to support services.

<http://www.moaa.org/>

*Good sites, but not necessarily appropriate for this list*

**Military Student** – This DOD site enables the children of military personnel and their families to deal with the various issues that face the military child by providing access to information, tools and resources aimed to enhance their educational and social well being by increasing the understanding and awareness of how to meet their unique needs.

<http://www.militarystudent.dod.mil/>

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**Foreigners in Italy** – website for non-Italians living in Italy

<http://www.stranieriinitalia.it/>

**U.S. Embassies and Consulates** – links to U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world.

<http://usembassy.state.gov/>